

December 10, 2013

Description of Actions to Achieve Compliance

Re: mv STARTRAMP- IMO 9326495 – Non-Availability of compliant fuel prior to entering the North American ECA

We wish to inform you that our vessel "Startramp" loaded bagged cocoa cargo in Abidjan and San Pedro, Ivory Coast for discharging in Philadelphia, Pa (USA). The vessel is expected to enter the North American ECA area on December 16th, 2013. Main engine operation / steaming from entering ECA until Philadelphia Pier #84 will last about 26 hours.

Our problem is that the vessel currently does not have compliant fuel oil with max 1% sulphur content required for the use in the North American ECA. Its sulphur content is 2,33 % according to the DNVPS analysis result of the fuel sample.

The vessel's previous voyage was from North Europe to Nigeria where vessel was discharging cargo of wheat from November 8 until November 20, 2013.

As next fixed voyage was loading cocoa in Ivory Coast for USA (Philadelphia), it was planned to arrange bunker of HFO with low sulphur not exceeding 1% concentration.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to find a supplier on the bunker market who was able to deliver low sulphur oil in the whole West African area. All fuel oil suppliers who were contacted (O.W. Bunkers, Monjasa, World Fuel Services, BMS Bunkers, Hai Soon International Trading Pte Ltd) could only supply high sulphur fuel.

After all attempts failed, the vessel bunkered HFO on November 22, 2013 at open sea Off-TEMA on bunker position 04 20 N / 000 010 E.

Immediately upon vessel's arrival Philadelphia, compliant fuel oil will be purchased and delivered onboard enabling the vessel the soonest possible use of compliant fuel within ECA.

We have to point out that during last 12 months this vessel has been operating in the North America ECA and always using compliant fuel:

Philadelphia from 18.12.2012 to 23.12.2012
Houston from 09.02.2013 to 13.02.2013
Philadelphia from 11.07.2013 to 19.07.2013
Savannah from 22.07.2013 to 23.07.2013

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